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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HIRABAYASHI, K., et al.

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FOR: REMEDIES FOR HEPATITIS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This is a response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on January 08, 2003. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the application as follows:

4. (Amended) A method of treating hepatitis in a human in which interferon is effective, comprising the steps of:
 1. intravenously, transmucosally, or hepatic intra-arterially administering to the human a complex of a cationic liposome with poly (I):poly (C) which has a mean length within the range of 100 to 500 bp; and
 2. inducing chiefly in the liver an effective amount of interferon.
5. (Amended) A method of inducing interferon chiefly in the liver comprising intravenously, transmucosally, or hepatic intra-arterially administering to a human an effective